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SUBJ: LIBYAN OIL NEGOTIATIONS; BELGIAN PRICE DEVELOPMENTS

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1. WE BRIEFED BELGIAN MINISTRY ECONOMICS AND MINFONOFFI OFFICIALS ON CURRENT STATUS LIBYAN NEGOTIATIONS. GOB OFFICIALS APPRECIATE EFFORTS TO KEEP THEM FULLY INFORMED OF DEVELOPMENTS.

2. MINISTRY ECONOMICS OFFICIALS TOLD US THAT LOCAL OIL COMPANIES HAVE NOT RPT NOT SUBMITTED PRICE INCREASE REQUESTS TO GOVERNMENT. PRESENT GOVERNMENT-INDUSTRY PRICE AGREEMENT EXPIRES APRIL 1. IF INDUSTRY DESIRES TO INCREASE PRICES ABOVE PRESENT CEILINGS, MUST OBTAIN GOVERNMENT PERMISSION AS WELL AS WAIT 21 DAYS BEFORE PRICE INCREASES TAKE EFFECT.

3. ALTHOUGH THERE IS NO PENDING INDUSTRY REQUEST, THE PRESS HAS GIVEN SPECIAL ATTENTION TO FORMER PRIME MINISTER VANDEN BOEYNANTS ASSERTION THAT NEW PETROLIUM PRICE INCREASES ARE UNJUSTIFIED. VANDEN BOEYNANTS HAS ALSO POSED VARIOUS PARLIAMENTARY QUESTIONS TO NEW MINECON COOLS ON DOMESTIC PETROLEUM PRICE MATTERS. GP-4.

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